

Hawaii Department of Health  
Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD)  
Request for Information (RFI) Response Summary  
RFI No. AMHD 420-1-15  
Locum Tenens Psychiatry Services  
Statewide

A Request for Information for Locum Tenens Psychiatry Services was issued on August 12, 2014. Written feedback was received from three organizations. Below is a summary of the responses received through this process as they relate to the questions from the RFI.

Two of the three organizations are currently not providing services for the AMHD. However, both organizations are interested in submitting a proposal for locum tenens psychiatry services in the State of Hawaii. One agency stated that Hawaii is a very attractive location for accepting locum tenens assignments and would have no problem in recruiting qualified locum tenens psychiatrists.

All three organizations are interested in submitting a proposal upon release of the Request for Proposal (RFP). Two organizations are interested in providing coverage throughout the state of Hawaii, and one agency would be interested in providing coverage for the island of Oahu and Maui County only.

One of the challenges an organizations may encounter is to provide lodging and transportation for psychiatrists who live outside of Hawaii. Another challenge is the logistics in coordinating schedules and responding to labor requirements that may change from serving multiple facilities and adhering to their requirements, policies and procedures. There is also the challenge in serving a diverse geographic area and the need to travel from one area to another. Lastly, there is the challenge of maintaining an adequate pool of psychiatrists. The geographic isolation of Hawaii compared to the mainland creates a narrower list to recruit qualified psychiatrists.

The AMHD appreciates the participation of those organizations that submitted responses to the RFI for Locum Tenens Psychiatry Services.